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SUBJECT: SOVIET RESPONSE ON MICROWAVES

1. DOBRYNIN CALLED ON READ OCTOBER 13 AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO OUR PROTEST OF OCTOBER 5 REGARDING HIGHER LEVEL OF MICROWAVE RADIATION AT THE EMBASSY: QUOTE AS WAS STATED EARLIER, THE SOVIET COMPETENT AUTHORITIES CONDUCT CONSTANT OBSERVATION OF THE LEVELS OF ELECTRO-MAGNETIC INDUSTRIAL RADIATION IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF MOSCOW. AS A RESULT OF THE WORK PERFORMED, WE HAVE MANAGED TO REDUCE BY SEVERAL TIMES THE LEVEL OF THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC INDUSTRIAL FIELD IN THE VICINITY OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WHICH EVEN BEFORE THAT HAD NOT EXCEEDED THE MEDICAL NORMS OF SAFETY. THE US SIDE IS WELL AWARE OF THIS FACT. ACCORDING TO SOVIET COMPETENT SERVICES, THAT LEVEL WAS NOT EXCEEDED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD REFERRED TO

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BY THE US SIDE. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT THE US SIDE HAS ASSURED US THAT IT INTENDED TO STOP AGGRAVATING THE SITUATION AROUND THE QUESTION OF THE LEVEL OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD LEVEL IN THE VICINITY OF THE US EMBASSY. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE THE US SIDE BRINGS OUT THIS QUESTION AGAIN, WHICH CANNOT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS. UNQUOTE.

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2. READ RESPONDED THAT HE REGRETTED THAT REPLY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS WEEK ON OCTOBER 11 WE OBTAINED READINGS WHICH EVEN EXCEEDED THE PREVIOUS HIGH LEVELS, REACHING MORE THAN 8 MICROWATTS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER ON THE ROOF. WE INFORMED OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE PROBLEM ON OCTOBER 6 AND OF THE INCREASED LEVEL ON OCTOBER 11. THIS SITUATION CAUSES US AND OUR EMPLOYEES REAL CONCERN AND AGAIN WE ASK THAT THE RADIATION BE STOPPED ENTIRELY.

3. DOBRYNIN TRIED TO BELITTLE THE PROBLEM, NOTING THAT THE LEVEL WAS STILL BELOW ANY ESTABLISHED SAFETY STANDARD, THAT THE PERIODS INVOLVED WERE SHORT AND INFREQUENT, AND THAT EMPLOYEES WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE ON THE ROOF. READ DEALT FACTUALLY WITH HIS POINTS AND REITERATED OUR CONCERN AND OUR REQUEST THAT THE RADIATION BE TURNED OFF.

4. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, TO DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO BASIS FOR DOBRYNIN'S ASSERTION THAT ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN ABOUT NOT "AGGRAVATING THE SITUATION." THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS AT EVERY STAGE THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO GET THE SIGNAL TURNED OFF COMPLETELY. VANCE

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